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You probably will need this bit of background on the Symbionese Liberation Army. The name apparently is taken from symbiosis, a biological term referring to different life forms living together to mutual advantage. You'll want to examine carefully Fahizah's letter, with attention to the second column where she says the takeover began in 1963 with the JFK assassination and that its end result was Nixon.

I would put this bit of insight down to just a slightly different radical approach, except that these kids apparently have a good supply of cyanide, which is not easily come by. Makes me wonder if they have some influential backing from somewhere far in the background, like someone interested in warning Nixon that a connection can be made. You might try this on for size and let me know how it strikes you. I'm also impressed by the confusion among other radical groups (see the last page of the attached). They appear quite bewildered and really make no attempt to analyze SLA's motives but merely try to take themselves out of the picture by disassociation.

jdw Jim